

ments to vacancies, amongst the Counties and the City of Baltimore, upon the same equitable rule, which still obtains in regard to the Indigent Deaf and Dumb. I have adopted that rule, as far as practicable. I also respectfully call your attention to the suggestion made in reference to that act, in my last Annual Message.

I have been informed by the Commissioner, that, many of the most important Title-Papers, in the Land Office, have been considerably mutilated by time and exposure. No provision has been made for recording them; and they are filed away in loose packages, which are constantly liable to accident. The State is pledged to make good titles to the lands granted by her; and yet, the evidences of many of the grants are daily perishing, for the want of the necessary means of preservation. It is a matter of much concern to the landholders of the State, that this danger to their titles should be promptly averted. I, therefore, recommend that a Committee be appointed, to examine into the condition of the Land Office, and to report such measures as may appear to be necessary.

I respectfully request that you will appoint a Committee, or authorize the one appointed, at your last session, to examine my vouchers for the expenditure of the sum which was appropriated to repair and furnish the Government House.

The importance of the decision which you are to make, in regard to the future financial policy of the State, and the very great interest which our Constituents feel, in the result of your deliberations on that subject, is my apology for having trespassed so far upon your time and patience.

E. LOUIS LOWE.

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